# THE CHRIST CHILD.

Religious Celebration of the Anniversary of His Birth.

Fragrant Flowers and Evergreens Adorn the Altars.

Christmas Services in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

Excellent Music by the Choirs and Eloquent Sermons by the Pastors.

The advent of Christmas day has a deep signification in the religious world, for it announces the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of Mankind. In the churches of the Catholic and Episcopal denominations especially the observance of the day is one of peculiar interest, and the joy and gladness of the occasion is celebrated by musical services elaborate in their character. and for which the most careful preparation has been made. In the Catholic churches the 5 o'clock mass is celebrated with exceptional musical exercises, second only to the grauder mass at 11 o'clock. The first mass has, however, a more crowded attendance than the ever, a more crowded attendance than the later oncs, for the faithful can fulfall the re-quirements of the church at that hour and de-vote the balance of the day to their homes and social durias. At all the Catholic churches yesterday the carly mass was crowded, not only with the faithful, but with many Protes-tants, whose curiosity or love for good music led them to leave their beds and homes even at that early hour. at that early hour.

### CATHOLIC CHURCHES. BT. ALOYSIUS'.

At the five o'clock mass the crowd was so dense that even before the celebration comdense that even before the celebration commenced, there was not a vacant seat, while the aisles were filled with worshippers and the throng even crowded the broad steps of the church and the sidewalks. Within the chancel there was a tasteful decoration of evergreens, which were arranged in graceful festoons, extending even to the vaulted roof. On the main altar and also upon the smaller shrines at each side was a lavish profusion of the choicest flowers, whose fragrance mingled with the incense employed in the service and filled the church. The musical service consisted of La Hache's male voiced mass. The 11 o'clock mass was also well attended, and the elaborate musical programme, which has already been published in THE REFURLICAS, was most effectively rendered, the choir conalready been published in This Refublican, was most effectively rendered, the choir consisting of Misses Eva Mills, Clara Baker, Mrs. Annie Roemer-Kaspar, Mrs. Ham. Adams, Mrs. Wells, sopranos; Misses Nellie Eichhorn and Amy Leavitt and Mrs. Morrison, altos; Messrs. John O. Pugh and J. S. Smith, tenors; and Messrs. Emil Holer, Warren S. Young, J. C. Murray, G. E. Riley, and M. A. Donnel, bassos, Mr. Frank Newheiser was the organist and there was an orchestra of twenty bassos. Mr. Frank Newheiser was the organ-ist, and there was an orchestra of twenty pieces carefully selected by Prof. Kaspar. The entire direction was under the efficient baton of Prof. William Waldecker, the regu-lar conductor of the choir of this church. Rev. Father Murphy preached an eloquent sermon on the gospel of the day. There was no vessors recyber. no vesper service.

ST. PATRICK'S. The attendance at the early mass at this church was very large, completely filling the church. The altar was handsomely decorated with flowers, while festoons of evergreens with flowers, while festoons of evergreens and various designs and mottoes of the same verdant character added to the tasteful appearance of the church. Rev. Father Walter celebrated the mass, and made a brief address, appropriately referring to the joyful occasion which was celebrated. At the eleven o'clock service the attendance was not so large. The musical programme was effectively rendered by an augmented choir under the direction o'Miss Lulie Boone, the organist.

ST. MATTHEW'S. ST. MATTHEW'S.

Solemn high mass was celebrated at St. Matthew's church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The church was most beautifully decorated with evergeens and the high altar was a perfect bed of rare and bright colored exotics. The frieze of the gallery was panucled in cross of likes and the allies asserting the in green foliage, and the pillars supporting the gallery was twined with long ropes of cedar and creepers. The side alians were draped with vines and literally covered with odorous flowers. On the sanctuary wall on either side of the altar were displayed the two magnificent brass chandelabra presented to the church during the pastorate of the late Father White by the French and Spanish ministers, Long before the hour for the mass to begin the church was jammed, and at 11 o'clock it was impossible to find even standing room the sacred edifice. The mass day was Louis Dechauer's within the sacred edifice. The mass for the day was Louis Dechauer's "Missa Regis," in E flat, which was sung for the first time in this country, with organ and full orchestral accompaniment; offertorium, "Alma Virgo," by Hummel; "Veni Creator," by Weigand; Rossin's "Tantum Ergo," and thanksgiving hymn, the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." The sermon, by Rev. Father Chappelle, was a most eloquent effort, and was listened to with deep and reverent attention by the immense congregation. The music of the mass was most exquisitely rendered under the efficient n of Mr. L. E. Gannon, the regular the church maintaining their high reputation in presenting the mass. The decoration of the interior of the church was not under the supervision of Mrs. Nicholas out under the supervision of this portion of Callan, who has had charge of this portion of Callan, who has nevices for many years. At the Christmas services for many years. At the conclusion of the mass the members of the choir were conducted by Mr. Gannen to Chamberlin's, where an elaborate lunch was served, and the compliments exchanged over the tempting array of good cheer which Mr. Gan-non's kindly forethought had provided for the tired vocalists and musician

### EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

In the Episcopal churches, except at those of the Incarnation, Sr. Paul's, and the Holy Cross, there was only the cleven o'clock service, and generally the attendance was good, although as participation in the sergood, atthough as participation in the service is not an essential requirement in this denomination as it is in the Catholic sect, the communicants were not so numerous as in those of the older church. In all the churches there was great attention paid to the musical portions of the service, and the various, choirs all acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner.

ST. JOHN'S. At St. John's church, corner of Sixteenth and H streets northwest, yesterday morning, the rector, Rev. W. A. Leonard, assisted by Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Brookfield, Montgomery county, Ed., and Rev. Mr. Reazor, celebrated the holy communion. The church not was very claborately decorated, festions of evergreen stretching from the arobes being principally used. The ultur was filled in with a mass of used. The altar was filled in with a mass of scarlet flowers as a background, relieved by laurel and cypress. In the center on the canopy was a star of gass gets. The church was crowded at the morning service, the President, his son and daughter, and many other distinguished people being present. Mr. Leonard tesk for his text the following verses: "Emanuel, which being interpreted is God with us," St. Matthew, i. 33. "And they found the babe lying in a manger," St. Luke, ii, 16." "Peace on earth, good will to men," St. Luke, ii, 14. Mr. Leonard said the three texts signified one thing, viz., that Jesus was among us, which meant a love that passed all among us, which meant a love that passedull understanding, and on this he sketched the lesson conveyed by the day we celebrate as his birthday. The musical portion of the service, which has already been published, s very fine. Mr. MacLeod presided at the

St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, on Fifteenth: street, had the altar railing festioned with codar and other evergreens. A codar tree stood on each side of the altar, and an evergreen cross was placed against the way of developing Dr. Tavernier's foundable without behind the altar. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Cromwell, the paster, who read Palms xix, & xand street learned to falk. These results assistant read Tasinh, ninth classes, and there can be no doubt the first fourteen verses of the second classes of the second classes. The opisite was the first chapter of Luke. The opisite was the first chapter of Luke, it, 14, "Glory Cromwell preached from Luke, it, 14, "Glory and the development of the control of t

to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." The tendency to complain that peace had so long been retarded was noticed, and the answer made, that the strains of the song were partly prophetic, reaching out into the future toward the golden age. But the peaceful influence of "leaven leavening the lump" was certain, though slow, and the fulfillment of this promise of the Saviour, for whom the world waited four thousand years. The progress made was curearraging, for nations now were not easer for war, strife was entered upon reluctantly. Arbitration was accepted in many to God in the highest, and on earth peace and

antly. Arbitration was accepted in many cases as a more desirable way of settling difficulties. Other evidences of progress were in the growth of the missionary spirit, the abolition of the slave trade, the establishment of hospitals and asylums for the sick and the unfortunate. All these are appearances of the kindness of God toward man. Though all men have not accepted christianity, many millions have done so, and to-day echo the choral song of peace on earth and good will to men. An important question for every chris-tian was: "Are you doing your part to hasten the final consummation?"

THE EPIPHANY. A large audience met for services at Epiphany church at 11 o'clock. The galleries wore a deep draping of evergreen, which also extended around to the rear of the platferm, below which six stars and a beautiful white cross, adorned with green, added to the impressiveness of the oversion. A lesson was read from adorned with green, added to the impressive-ness of the occasion. A lesson was read from Lake 2, regarding Christ's nativity and birth. After the singing of the hymn, "Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King," the rector took for his text St. John, iii, 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever be-lieveth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The speaker said the birth of Jesus was a token of something, and that was the love for the race, the creat love of the Jesus was a token of something, and that was the love for the race, the great love of the father, who gave his only begotten son as the ransom for our sine; that our love should cluster around and cling to him, because of his great sacrifice for us; that the sonship and fatherhood existed long before Christ came, even before the world was created, and that the fact that God loved the world was proven by the death of Christ. Offerings were taken in behalf of the aged and infirm clergymen, widows, and orphans. widows, and orphans.

TRINITY. Dr. Addison, rector of Trinity church, cor-Dr. Addison, rector of Trinity church, corner of Third and C streets northwest, delivered a sermon yesterday appropriate to the greatest day celebrated by the christian churches. From the death and crucifixion of our Saviour he drew a noble picture of the love which he was willing to suffer; such self abnegation as to suffer the ignominous death He did so that millions yet unborn might be made heirs of that pricales bestraes. The made heirs of that priceless heritage. The church was elaborately dressed in emblems suitable to the season of the year.

THE ASCENSION. The Church of the Ascension was quite elaborately decorated—festoons of leaves of ivy, laurel, and cedar encircling the pillars, and hanging in front of the large stained glass windows in the rear of the chancel. The glass windows in the rear of the chancel. The reading desk and pulpit had the additional ornaments of palm leaves and brilliant flowers. The bishop of Maryland occupied a seat in the chancel, but the sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. Dr. Elliott, he choosing as his text Luke, ii, 19: "Mary kept all these sayings and pondered them in her heart." The sermon was a most excellent effort and was eagerly listened to by the large congregation present. The musical exercises were of peculiar excellence and were under the direction of Mr. George W. Walker, the regular organist of the church.

THE INCARNATION. At the Church of the Incarnation, corner of Twelfth and N streets, the decorations were profuse and abundant; festoons and wreaths profuse and abundant; festoons and wreaths of evergreens being gracefully disposed about the altar, upon the pillars, and on the walls. A tree of cedar stood by the organ and an evergreen anchor, emblem of hope, hung by the reading desk. There were two services yesterday morning, one at 7:30 and the other at 11 o'clock, and there was also a choral service held in the evening at 6:30. The extensive musical programme which The KepuniteAn published on Saturday was effectively carried out under the direction of the precenter, Mr. John E. Parker, with Mr. Frank E. Camp as organist. The sermon at the principal morning service was by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Townsend, and was thoroughly appropriate to the occasion celebrated.

## BABY INCUBATION.

A French Doctor Discovers a Way to Make Young Giants of Sick Bables.

Glasgow Mail. The immense success which has attended was annoyed at the large number of foundlings who died within the first six months of their life. The majority of those admitted to the hospital were weak and sickly, and he rethe hospital were weak and sickly, and he re-solved to try what "artificial incubation" would accomplish if applied to infants. The doctor constructed a child incubator on precisely the model of the ordinary chicken incubator. It was a box covered with a glass slide, furnished with a soft woolen bed, and kept at the temperature of 86 degrees Fahrenheit by the aid of hot water. He selected as the subject of his first experiment a miserably made infant, one so degrees randoment by water. He selected as the subject of his first experiment a miserably made infant, one that had come into the world at an injudiciously early period. This infant was placed in the incubator, provided with a nursing bottle, and kept in a dark room. To

nursing bottle, and kept in a dark room. To the surprise of the doctor, it ceased to cry on the second day after it was placed in the in-cubator, and, although it had previously been a preternaturally sleepless child, it sank into a deep and quiet sleep. The child remained in the incubator for eight weeks, during which time it never once cried, and never remained awake except when taking rountshownt. never once cried, and never remained awake except when taking nourishment. It grew rapidly, and when, at the expiration of sixty days, it was removed from the incubator, it presented the appearance of a healthy infant of at least a year old. Delighted with the success of the experiment, Dr. Tavernier next selected an ordinary six-months-old infant addicted to the usual pains and colic, and exhibiting the usual fretfulness of French infants. This child conducted itself while in the incubator medical. the incubator precisely as its predecessor had done. It never cried; it spent its whole time in sleep, and it grow as if it had made time in sleep, and it grew as if it had made up its mind to embrace the career of a pro-fessional giant. After a six weeks' stay in the incubatorit was was removed and weighed; during this brief period it had doubled its weight. It had become so strong and healthy that it resembled a child three years old, and it could actually walk when helding on to a convenient piece of furniture. These two ex-periments satisfied Dr. Tavernier of the vast advantages of artificial child incubation. He advantages of artificial child incubation. He immediately proceeded, with the permission of the authorities of the hospital, to construct an incubator of the capacity of 400 infants who were in the hespital on the 10th day of February last. With the exception of one who died of congenital hydrocephalus, and another who was claimed by its repentant parents, the infants were kept cuttimously in the incubator for six months, when they were represented in consequence of before automorphism. advantages of artificial child incubation. removed in consequence of having outgrown their narrow beds. The recult will seem al-most incredible to persons who are unfamiliar most incredible to persons who are unfamiliar with the reportation of Dr. Tevernier, and have not seen the report made to the French government by a solvet committee of twelve. The average ago of the infants last February was 8 months and 3 days—the youngest being less than 12 hours, oldest not more than 11 months. Their average weight was 16 pounds, only 1 of the entire 360 having attained a weight of 32 pounds. At the end of six months of artificial incubation the aversix months of artificial incubation the average weight of each infant was 24 pounds, and there was not one who would not have been supposed by a casual observer to be at least three years old. In other words, six months of artificial incubation did as much in

THE POOR AND UNFORTUNATE.

How the Children at the Various Orphan Asylums were Remembered.

It is a pleasant thing to know that smid the joyousness of happy homes where presents were given and received, and where the Christmas tree bore abundant fruit of Santa Claus's visit, the poor and unfortunate

At the Orphan's home, corner of Fourteenth and S streets, the donations received
were quite liberal, and the little children
were made happy, not only by the receipt of
many useful articles, but by finany
toys which made them feel that
Kris Kringle had even remembered
them, although they had no kind parents to
fill their little stockings or minister to their
wants. Among the donors to this institution
were the following; Mr. Corecran, ice cream
and cake; a friend, \$25; Mr. Robert Coan,
twenty-five pairs of slippers; Mr. Varnell,
five turkeys; Hume & Cleary, seven turkeys;
Mr. Simon Wolf, thirty-two pounds of candy;
Mr. Cornwell, twenty-five pounds of nuts;
Miss Hill, seven toy books; Mr. Wormley, a
sack of oat meal and flour; Mr. Schafer,
twenty-nine loaves raisin bread; Mr. Cochrane, dry goods merchant, sixty boxes valuable toys; Mr. Galt, a barrel flour; Mr.
Loccas, a barrel flour.

The orphans of St. Vincent's asylum always
enjoy the holidays, but never was a Christmas
more thoroughly appreciated by these children than the one of 1882. Early in the
morning Mr. Schwartz, a devoted friend of
the little ones, personated Kris Kringle, and
amid all manner of ridiculous maneuvering
emptied an immense sleigh, filled with boxes.
Each child received her box, which, thanks
to generous patrons and friends, was found to At the Orphan's home, corner of Four-

eat and of clothing, so that the aged and in-digent of that institution had their hearts made glad, and the day will long be remem-bered. The good sisters fully appreciated the kindness of their benefactors. At the Children's hospital the gifts received were both numerous and of a character that were decidedly appropriate. Besides every material for a Christmas dinner of the most houseway description they were support bountcous description, there were among the articles donated many toys; books, and other things which greatly pleased the children. The patrons of this institution are among the most benevolent of our citizens, and many of them visited the hospital, and by their pres-ence cheered and made happy the little in-

At the fail the unfortunate prisoners, those on whom the strong hand of the law has been placed to restrain them of their liberty on account of crime, even those or many of them were remembered by their relations and friends. O'Leary and Murphy, the two monte men, received a good dinner, the former from his sister and the latter from his wife. About twenty-five of the prisoners were sent Christ-mas dinners. Charles Show the warderer mas dinners. Charles Shaw, the murderer, was not among the number.

### HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICERS.

Thompson, Steedman, Hooker and Gorham

-Two Candidates from the Same State. Ballimore Sun, Washington Correspondence. There are two candidates from the same state for speaker of the next house of representatives, and it is now announced that the artificial incubation of chickens in France | there will be two candidates from the same recently attracted the attention of Dr. Taver- state for sergeant-at-arms of that body. Mr. nier, a learned and ingenious physician. He J. G. Thompson, of Ohio, who was sergeantwas attached to a hospital for foundlings, and at-arms of the house during the six years of democratic control, wants to get back to his old position, but Gen. James B. Steedman is also out as a candidate. Gen. Steedman has a fine war record; he is one of the most prom-inent democrats of Ohio, and has the support of the Cincinnati Ecquirer and other powerful influences. Mr. Thompson's selection understood, would have some bearing the question of the senatorial succession in Ohio, and further, will affect the question of whom the Ohio democracy shall present as their choice for the democratic nomination for president. Mr. Thompson is said to be working in the interest of Scnator Pendleton, and General Steedman is brought out now for sergeant-at-arms of the next house by that wing of the Ohio democracy who are inimical both to Senator Pendleton and ex-Senator Thurman. It is understood to be as good as settled that Mr. Hooker, the present sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, will be transferred to the same position on the senate side after the fourth of March. He is the candidate of Senator Edmunds, and there appears to be no other candidate worthy of mention in the field. So far as the position of secretary of the senate after the fourth of March is concerned, it can be stated with per-fect certainty that either Mr. Shober, the act-

Before the fire engine had reached the scene, the flames were widely tossing their deveuring tongues far out and above the crown of the groaning building. It was too late. His saturite majesty had whipped his impetuous team into a pace at once too furious and daring to be met and bridled, the flery does not be flames and the target of the flames and the target of the flames and the flames and the flames are the flames and the flames are the flames and the flames and the flames are the flames are the flames and the flames are glare of the flames had lit up the ground for hundreds of yards around, and while the great erowd stood in wondering awe, as the seething furnace of fire and flame lashed and dashed about in its rearing fury, the sudden crash of the dismembered roof as it went splitting and hurling its way to the ground, told in unmistakable terms that the work of dashed ab crash of the dism destruction was complete. In a few brief moments more and nothing was left to mark the site of T. W. Turner's store. Loss, \$1,500.

### An III Wind That Blew Good,

Restor Transcript.

A wind that blew many people good was that harricane out in the Philippine islands last October. The population of Manila was being decimated by cholera when the storm swept over the island, almost entirely destroying the town. In less than an nour not a single native house was left standing. But the remarkable fact is that on the following day not a single case of cholera occurred and not one has been reported since. not one has been reported since.

rock blaze up with a brilliant light and to find a strong smell of sulphur. They harried out of the tunnel, belleving Old Nick had arrived. The doctor was informed of the circus The doctor was informed of the circumstances, and, on investigating, discovered that the mountain was composed of sulphur, which, within ten feet from the opening, developed into bright yellow, yielding 95 per cent, pure sulphur. The marketable value of sulphur is \$20 per ton, and if the rock holds out the mountain is worth millions.

### COLONEL FITZGERALD.

His Journey to Kentucky to Answer the Forgery Charges.

Col. N. W. Fitzgerald, whose name has been somewhat unpleasantly connected with a forgery, came on voluntarily to Covington to by a Conneccial reporter, to whom he conversed freely, giving the following statement of the facts of the case. Colonel Lafayette Bingham, of Washington, D. C., was also present at the interview and showed the reporter some of the checks which were in his possession, and which are mentioned in the following statementthat would prove exclusively to the most in-experienced eye that they were forgeries of his name. The gentleman charged is the edi-tor and proprietor of the Washington World, The statement of the colonel, as developed at

the interview is as follows:

Col. N. W. Fitzgerald, whose extradition to
Kentucky charged with forging a note for
\$180 in 1870) was denied by Judge Cariter, of dren than the one of 1882. Early in the morning Mr. Schwartz, a devoted friend of the little ones, personated Kris Kringle, and amid all manner of ridiculous maneuvering emptied an immense sleigh, filled with boxe. Each child received her box, which, thanks to generous patrons and friends, was found; the generous patrons and friends, was found; the generous patrons and friends, was found; the patry was for generous patrons and friends, was found; the patry was found in the glady have keep told Kris with them. At a noon they sat down to a piculiar repair to the good cheer and merriment, and will long be remembered. These chesen little ones of the good God will not fail to call down his choicest blessings on all those who were instrumental in procuring them the happiest Christmas of their lives.

The orphans of St, Joseph's asylum on H street, between Ninth and Tenth, were not forgotten, and liberal contributions were made to the boys of this institution. They sat down to a good dinner of trukey and the companiments, and other gifts were received which made the children feet thanks to be appropriated to many benefictors who contributed so generously to make the orphan boys' Christians a happy one. Among the various benefications, the provent him from being at the tribution had their heart of the provent him from being at the tribution had their heart of the provent

onio, and officers are now searching for him in every direction, and he is certain to be apprehended and brought to justice for his crimes. There are a score of men in Darke county alone, ready to prove Pritchard's misdemeanors. He and his attorneys, at Cincinnati, have taken the above plan to carry out their purpose, but it has failed, and Pritchard's is a feeing, self-confessed criminal and data sufficient is self confessed criminal, and data sufficient i in hand to bring his co-conspirator to justice to answer for his part in the conspiracy to kidnap Col. Fitzgerald from his home and friends in Washington and bring him to Kenfriends in Washington and bring him to Kentucky to answer for Pritchard's crimes. The Washington Critic (daily) said of this attempted arrest and extradition of Col. Fitzgerald, that "the utter absurdity of the charge against Col. F. is its own refutation with all who know him," and it says further: "The ingenuity displayed by Pritchard in his deposition, as he sees the penitentiary yawn for him, proves him a villain and scoundrel of no mean order."

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It uppears that B. F. Pritchard has also committed forgeries upon other persons, having forged Gen. Lafayette Bingham's name to a large number of United States checks and a large number of United States checks and drafts, and drawn the money thereon, part of said number of checks were forged and cashed in this city. The people of the whole country owe a debt of gratitude to Col. Fitzgerald, of Washington, for his efforts to bring Pritchard to justice, and he deserves the sympathy of all good and true men everywhere for the pair and mertification he has suffered by this pain and mortification he has suffered by this attempt to charge him with a crime in the state of Kentucky, where he has not been since the war. Col. F. said to Judge Cariter in Washington, "I will go voluntarily and face these charges, no matter from what state or place they come. I will answer the roll call," and he has nobly done so, and the ignorant dupe of Pritchard and his conspirators said the state of the roll call." dupe of Pritchard and his conspirators said instantly and decidedly, on meeting Col. F. face to face: "That is not the man who forged my note—I never saw that man before in my life." Col. F. is widely known at Washington, and has clients all over the union, he being engaged in the prosecution of claims. A reward having been offered by the commissioners of Darke county for the arrest and return of Pritchard it is to be expected that he will be appreciated and pected that he will be apprehended and brought to justice.

### WORK OF THE POLICE.

One Hundred and Twenty-seven Arrests Up to Midnight.

The police were kept busy yesterday and last night, and, although 127 arrests were made, they were mostly drunks. No serious affray took place, and the usual holiday murder did not occur. The police kept their eyes open, and many a weary pilgrim found rest in a dark and lonesome cell until this morning, when, with aching hearts and faces flushed, they will either be set at liberty or go before Judge Suell's tribunal, from whence no shaper turns back.

March is concerned, it can be a feet certainty that either Mr. Shober, the acting secretary, will remain where he is or Mr. Gorham will resume fhe place which he held for ten years. There has been much talk about dissatisfaction among some of the republican senators over the candidacy of Mr. Gorham, but there is good reason to believe that there is nothing in it. Whether this is so or not, however, it makes no difference. Senators Mahone and Riddleberger, of Virginia, will hold the balance of power, and it is no secret that they have determined to vote is no secret that they have determined to vote is no secret that they have determined to vote to displace Mr. Shober except Mr.

Close of the Tabernacle Fair. The fair for the benefit of the temperane tabernacle which was continued yesterday at Odd Fellows' hall, was closed last night. The attendance has been very large, and the success of the enterprise will pass the estimate of its most cuthusiastic projectors. In the drawing for prizes the following tickets represent the foreignate holders: 1030, mirror; 307, rocker; 133s, twenty-five dollars in coin; 493, marble ISIS, Iverity-Eve dollars in colit; 495, marble top table; 521, pair of pictures; 39, trunk; 191, one barrel of fleur; 1391, ton of coal; 911, fancy clock. Miss Sesie Collins is the winner of the silver service, and Miss Mamie Kalstock the scrap book. In the voting the result is as follows; Piano, J. D. Robinson; art table, Miss Ellis; rocker, Mrs. Collius; diamond pin, Mr. Mackle; suit of clothes, Mr. Frank Rossille.

Mr. Fields Starts a Rat Graveyard. Pattaboro Record.

Henry Fields, of this township, having been very much annoyed with rats in his barn, recently resorted to a very novel and successful way of killing them. He placed a large stone jar, about half full ofwater, in the barn, and in the jar next morning he found thirty-two dead rats.

Only Dyspegsia.

Allocate Post Appeal.

Judge Wylie, of Washington, not satisfied with abusing newspaper men in his charge to the grand jury, has now turned his attention to the court stenographers, and is trying to reduce their commensation. Judge Wylie

THE SCANDAL GULCH.

A Few Interesting Points for the Jersey Lily-A Prepared Schedule.

The scandal gulch is about worked out in the case of Mrs. Langtry. It will soon be time for her to be robbed of \$20,000 worth of diamonds. We want to help the old lady all we can, but we insist on a little variety in the form of the advertisement. A schedule of this kind would do:

this kind would do:

1. Robbed of \$20,000 worth of diamonds, one of them a priceless family heirloom, and another the gift of the Prince of Wales. [Good for three days by Associated Press.]

2. Diamonds recovered, and honesty in a chambermaid richly rewarded. Defailed interview, expressing Joy over the recovery. [Good for two days by Associated Press.]

3. Narrow except from ideath on the rail detailed in half a column, winding up with the explanation that the great actress owes her life to the triding circumstance that the train didn't run off the track and there was no collision. [Good for two or three columns of special dispatches]

4. Great presence of mind in the middle of a performance in preventing a panic, which would have been occasioned if a small boy had let a lamp fall in the scene room. [Good for specials to all netropolities journals for three days.]

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These are a few of the things which migh These are a taw of the things which might take the place of Freddie Gebhardt and Mrs. Labouchere. When they are exhausted we can furnish some more. We can not help remarking that Mrs. Langtry's diamonds have remained unstolen quite too long for a first-class star, but we presume it is entirely owing to a pressure of Freddie and Mrs. Labouchere.

Very Long Range Duel.

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Lendon Vasily Fair December 2.

Henri Rechefort has not lost all his native wit since he took to horse racing in France, and a flash of it gleams out in his explanation of how M. Gambetta came to get a bullet through his hand on Monday. He suggests that this must be the ball fired from the pisted of M. de Fouriou when the latter and Gambetta met, in murtal combat five years ago, and were placed-so far apart that the bullets have taken all this time to reach their goal. Rochefort says that we shall know next week whether Gambetta's bullet took effect.

Holiday Presents. It is truly difficult to decide what to give, as there are so many beautiful articles this season to select from. If you wish something to cost \$1, we would say to the thousands of readers of This Republicant that the most according to the season of the seas ceptable present to a lady is one of Helphen-stine's French Square Glass Stoppered Pint Bottle of German Cologne. Over five hun-dred were given as presents last Christmas and as many more will be selected this season.

### PERSONAL.

Lieut. Copenger, U. S. A., is at Welcker's. R. B. Langdon and wife, or Minnesota, are at the Riggs. Charles Weaver and wife, of New York, are at the Riggs.

John G. Rollins and wife, of London, Eng., are at Willard's.

Col. A. W. Jones and Asa Rogers, jr., of Virginia, are at the Arlington. Colonel Joe Pulltzer, of the St. Louis Post-Dis-uich, is at the Riggs. Samuel S. Zimmerman and wife, of Philadel-phia, are at Willard's.

George C. Bloomer and family, of West Virginia, are at the Ebbiti. E. W. Dalrymple, J. N. Griswold, and F. Parker, U. S. N., are at the Biblit.

C. H. Jones and wife, of Boston, and W. B. Loss and wife, of New York, are at the Riggs. J. W. Brookfield, of New York, accompanied by his three daughters, are at the Arlington. Col. Muller, of Belgium, and Henry Prouse Cooper, of New York, are at the Arlington. Samuel D. Warren, Jr., of Boston, and G. L. Up-hur, of New York, are the Christmas arrivals at

J. M. Weston, Michigan; W. M. Cameron, Bos-on; G. W. Palmer, New York; B. F. Haley, New Hampshire, and E. V. Baxter, Boston, are at the

E. J. Molera, of California; H. J. Coverdale, of New York; F. J. Cheek, of Virginia; B. H. Camp-bell, of Kausas, and H. W. Lawrence, of Troy, N. Y., are at Willard's.

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Archier, Virginia, are at the St. James.

Mr. William H. Willson, of the Chicago Carpet
company, of Chicago, but formerly of this city, arrived yesterday on his annual visitation, and is
stopping with his parents. He will remain until
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